

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that there will be a General Parks Board meeting, to begin on **WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM** pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-511.01 *et. seq.* at the **City of Apache Junction Council Chambers** located at **300 E. Superstition Blvd, Apache Junction, AZ.**

The Board may elect to hold an Executive Session for any agenda item at any time during the meeting to discuss or consult with its legal counsel for legal advice on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Board will discuss and may take action on the following matters.

### **AGENDA**

**(Agenda items may be taken in any order unless set for a time certain)**

- A. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL – Time Certain: 10:00 A.M.**
- B. INTRODUCTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF**
  - 1. Board Statement -** “As Board members we are gathered today to be the stewards and voice of Arizona State Parks and its Mission Statement to manage and conserve Arizona’s natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the benefit of the people, both in our parks and through our partners.”
- C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC –** Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Board must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- D. CONSENT AGENDA –** The following items of a non-controversial nature have been grouped together for a single vote without Board discussion. The Consent Agenda is a timesaving device and Board members received documentation regarding these items prior to the open meeting. Any Board member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion and a separate vote at this meeting, as deemed necessary. The public may view the documentation relating to the Consent Agenda at the Board’s office: 1300 W. Washington, Suite 104, Phoenix, Arizona.
  - 1. Approve Minutes of October 20, 2010 Arizona State Parks Board Meeting**
  - 2. Consider Extending the Project End Date for the BLM-Kingman Field Office, Recreational Trails Program Project, Music Mountain/Crozier Inventory/Signage/Maps –** Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to March 13, 2012 for the Recreational

Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Music Mountain/Crozier Inventory/Signage/Map Development.

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3. **Consider Extending the Project End Date for the Prescott National Forest, Recreational Trails Program Project, Copper Canyon OHV Trail Development** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to February 8, 2012 for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Copper Canyon OHV Trailhead Development.

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4. **Consider Extending the Project End Date for the BLM-Safford Field Office, Recreational Trails Program Project, Gila Bend RNCA Inventory/Signage/Map Development** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to February 8, 2012 for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Gila Bend RNCA Inventory/Signage/Map Development.

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5. **Consider the Appointment of Justin Swiger Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board, pursuant to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 3 §41-511.09 appoint Park Ranger Justin Swiger an Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer for the protection of the Parks and Monuments against damage and for the preservation of peace therein, upon successful graduation from the Western Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy on December 17, 2010.

E. **ANNUAL REPORTS FROM ADVISORY COMMITTEES: TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 A.M.**

1. **Conservation Acquisition Board (CAB)**
2. **Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)**
3. **Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)**
4. **Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)**
5. **Natural Area Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC)**
6. **Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC)**

F. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

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1. **Consider Appointing Members to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)** – ASCOT recommends the Arizona State Parks Board appoint the following members to ASCOT: Ryan Domsalla, Bill Gibson, Daniel Gronseth, Phyllis Rally and Linda Slay to three-year terms; Loren Worthington to a two-year term; and Matt Kalina to a one-year term. Each of these terms will begin on January 1, 2011.

16 2. **Consider Appointing Members to the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG)** – OHVAG recommends the Arizona State Parks Board appoint the following members to OHVAG: Donald French to a three-year term; and John Savino to a second three-year term. Each of these terms will begin on January 1, 2011. Staff also recommends that Rebecca Antle continue to serve on OHVAG until a replacement can be appointed.

20 3. **Consider Retaining Members of the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC)** – NAPAC recommends retaining the current NAPAC members for 2011 to continue work on current projects and reconsider the Committee membership and activities in one year.

21 4. **Consider Retaining Members of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) and Hold the Committee Inactive for One Year** – HPAC recommends retaining the current HPAC members as an inactive Committee for 2011 and reconsider the Committee membership and activities in one year.

22 5. **Consider Celebrating Our Partners Through Arizona State Parks Board Resolutions** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board formally recognize its partners who have supported the agency through financial contributions and/or in-kind support during this economic downturn through Parks Board Resolutions.

26 6. **Consider Issuing a Request for Information Regarding Private Management in Arizona State Parks** – Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to prepare and issue a Request for Information to ascertain specific knowledge of private park management companies interests, capabilities and desires regarding the management of portions of the Arizona State Parks system.

G. **DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS** – The Executive Director may update the Arizona State Parks Board on special events and accolades.

H. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

28 1. **Results of the November Election Affecting Arizona State Parks**

30 2. **Update on Revenue Forecast by Major Fund and Park Visitation**

3. **Update on Commission on Privatization and Efficiency (COPE) Report**

4. **State Parks Operations Status Update**

5. **Update on State Park Construction Projects**

6. **Arizona Highways/Arizona State Parks Partnership**

32 7. **Discussion on a Policy for Sponsorships and Donations to Arizona State Parks and Relationship to Arizona State Parks Foundation**

8. **Update on Litigation Cases, including the Lawsuit involving an Easement at Spur Cross, the Lawsuit involving the Death at Lake Havasu and the Lawsuit involving Injury at Catalina State Park.**

**I. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. In order to plan the Parks Board meetings and activities for 2011, staff recommends that the Board meetings be scheduled for the following dates. Executive Sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. Public Sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m.

January 12, 2011	Election of officers
February 23, 2011	
March 30, 2011	
May 11, 2011	
June 22, 2011	Budget discussions
September 14, 2011	Grant awards
October 26, 2011	Strategic Planning
November 30, 2011	Advisory Committee
	Appointments

2. Board members may wish to discuss issues of interest to Arizona State Parks and request staff to place specific items on future Board meeting agendas.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

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Renée E. Bahl, Executive Director

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ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) and the general public that some members of the Board will have lunch at **Superstition Harley Davidson**, 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. and participate in a tour of **Lost Dutchman State Park**, 6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ on **Wednesday, November 17, 2010, immediately following the Parks Board meeting**. No business will be conducted either on the tour or at lunch.

**AGENDA**

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- A. Lunch – Immediately following the Parks Board meeting at Superstition Harley Davidson, 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ.**
- B. Tour of Lost Dutchman State Park, 6109 N. Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ – Immediately following lunch at Superstition Harley Davidson.**

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Renée E. Bahl, Executive Director

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**CONSIDER EXTENDING THE PROJECT END DATE  
FOR THE BLM-KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM PROJECT,  
MUSIC MOUNTAIN/CROZIER INVENTORY/SIGNAGE/MAPS**

**Background**

On September 21, 2006, the Arizona State Parks Board approved funding for Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Music Mountain/ Crozier Inventory/Signage/Map Development in the amount of \$104,500. The participant is the BLM-Kingman Field Office. The original scope includes route inventory, trail information/map, and signage. The original project end date was March 13, 2010.

BLM-Kingman Field Office requested a time extension in 2010 because they were not able to complete the inventory identified in the scope of the project. On March 12, 2010, an administrative amendment extended the project end date to March 12, 2011.

**Current Status**

BLM-Kingman Field Office requested this second time extension because their Travel Management Plan has not been finalized. The draft plan is scheduled to go out to the public in early 2011, and if no contentious issues arise, finalized by the end of 2011.

This request must be submitted to the State Parks Board since it is the second time extension.

OHVAG considered the extension at its November 12, 2010, meeting and recommended that the project end date be extended for 60 days (to May 13, 2011), and that the participant provide a status report including documentation, and attend the next OHVAG meeting to discuss project progress.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months, to March 13, 2012, for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Music Mountain/Crozier Inventory/Signage/Map Development.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to March 13, 2012, for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Music Mountain/Crozier Inventory/Signage/Map Development.

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BOARD ACTION ITEM  
November 17, 2010

AGENDA ITEM: D3

**CONSIDER EXTENDING THE PROJECT END DATE  
FOR THE PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM PROJECT,  
COPPER CANYON OHV TRAIL DEVELOPMENT**

**Background**

On September 21, 2006, the Arizona State Parks Board approved funding for Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Copper Canyon Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trailhead Development in the amount of \$178,486. The participant is the Prescott National Forest. The original scope included a new trailhead, trail renovation, a trail map and information, signage, and a restroom. The original project end date was February 8, 2010.

Prescott requested a time extension in 2010 because staff shortages have delayed completion of the design for the new trailhead. On January 11, 2010, an administrative amendment extended the project end date to February 8, 2011.

**Current Status**

Prescott National Forest has requested this second time extension because partner support and matching funds became insecure (see attached letter). The partnership is back on track and a new sponsor has committed the needed matching funds. The project will be completed in the next year.

This request must be submitted to the State Parks Board since it is the second time extension.

OHVAG considered the extension at its November 12, 2010, meeting and recommended that the project end date be extended for 60 days (to April 8, 2011), and that the participant provide a status report including documentation, and attend the next OHVAG meeting to discuss project progress.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to February 8, 2012, for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Copper Canyon OHV Trailhead Development.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to February 8, 2012, for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Copper Canyon OHV Trailhead Development.

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File Code: 2300

Date: October 21, 2010

Robert Baldwin  
Recreation Trails Grant Coordinator  
Arizona State Parks  
1300 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

This letter is to formally request an extension on the grant project Copper Canyon Trailhead Development (Project #470603). We need additional time to allow for internal review of the draft design plans and to send to Arizona State Parks for review and approval. At that point, we can proceed with submitting the project to our contracting office. It is not likely we will be able to complete these steps before the February 2011 deadline.

We request a maximum of 12 months to allow time to complete the design package for submittal to Arizona State Parks and for construction of the trailhead. For this upcoming quarterly report due October 31st, we will report that we have completed the draft design and will be reviewing in-house before we submit to Arizona State Parks. As of August 2010, we also have renewed support from the Mayor of Camp Verde on this project and have confirmed that we have all donors on board.

If you have any questions or concern, please contact Ophelia Goatson-James at (928) 443-8172 or by email at [ogotson@fs.fed.us](mailto:ogotson@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

ALAN M. QUAN  
Forest Supervisor

cc: Nancy Lewis, Celeste A Gordon, Bruce C Fahrni

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**CONSIDER EXTENDING THE PROJECT END DATE  
FOR THE BLM-SAFFORD FIELD OFFICE  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM PROJECT,  
GILA BEND RNCA INVENTORY/SIGNAGE/MAP DEVELOPMENT**

**Background**

On September 21, 2006, the Arizona State Parks Board approved funding for Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Gila Bend RNCA Inventory/Signage/Map Development in the amount of \$56,500. The participant is the BLM-Safford Field Office. The original scope included a route inventory, trail information and map, and signage. The original project end date was February 8, 2010.

BLM-Safford Field Office requested a time extension in 2010 because the Travel Management Plan had not been finalized. The draft was to go out for a 90-day comment period in 2010. On February 4, 2010, an administrative amendment extended the project end date to February 8, 2011.

**Current Status**

BLM-Safford Field Office requested this second time extension because their Travel Management Plan has not been finalized. The draft plan is scheduled to go out to the public in early 2011, and if no contentious issues arise, finalized by the end of 2011.

This request must be submitted to the State Parks Board since it is the second time extension.

OHVAG considered the extension at its November 12, 2010, meeting and recommended that the project end date be extended for 60 days (to April 8, 2011), and that the participant provide a status report including documentation, and attend the next OHVAG meeting to discuss project progress.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to February 8, 2012 for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Gila Bend RNCA Inventory/Signage/Map Development.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move to the Arizona State Parks Board extend the project end date by 12 months to February 8, 2012 for the Recreational Trails Program Motorized Portion Project, Gila Bend RNCA Inventory/Signage/Map Development.

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**CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF JUSTIN SWIGER  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

**Background**

The Arizona State Parks Board is authorized by the following statute to appoint Law Enforcement Officers.

**A.R.S. §41-511.09. Park Ranger Law Enforcement Officers; Training**

The Board may appoint one or more of its officers or employees as a Park Ranger Law Enforcement Officer. Any person so appointed shall have the minimum qualifications established for Peace Officers and Police Officers pursuant to section §42-1822. When so appointed, the officer or employee shall have the authority and power of a Peace Officer with the primary duties of enforcement of this article and enforcement of rules adopted pursuant to this article for the protection of the parks and monuments against damage and for the preservation of peace in the parks and monuments.

Park Ranger III- Justin Swiger, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, is employed by Arizona State Parks. Mr. Swiger is attending the Western Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (WALETA). He is ranked 6th in his class, and is meeting or exceeding all physical fitness and academic standards.

**Current Status**

Park Ranger Swiger is slated to graduate from WALETA, having met all Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST) requirements on December 17, 2010. The next scheduled meeting of the Arizona State Parks Board from that date is January 12, 2011.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Arizona State Parks Board, pursuant to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 3, §41-511.09 appoint Park Ranger Justin Swiger an Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer for the protection of the Parks and Monuments against damage and for the preservation of peace therein, upon successful graduation from the Western Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy on December 17, 2010.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board, pursuant to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 3, §41-511.09 appoint Park Ranger Justin Swiger an Arizona State Parks Law Enforcement Officer for the protection of the Parks and Monuments against damage and for the preservation of peace therein, upon successful graduation from the Western Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy on December 17, 2010.

**CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE  
ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT)**

**Background**

The 15-member Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) advises the Arizona State Parks Board on planning, development, funding, maintenance and promotion of the non-motorized trails in Arizona. ASCOT membership is defined in by-laws adopted by the committee and approved by the Parks Board, and is comprised of representatives from trail user groups (up to 8), government agencies (up to 8) and citizens-at-large (up to 4).

**Current Status**

There are seven vacancies on ASCOT, 5 three-year terms, 1 two-year term and 1 one-year term. Staff received eight applications. The following individuals are presented to the Board for consideration as ASCOT appointees. Biographical sketches and the current membership of the committee are appended to this report.

**Name**

**Affiliation**

Ryan Domsalla

Apache Sitgreaves National Forest

Bill Gibson

BLM State Office

Daniel Gronseth

City of Phoenix

Mike Henderson

BLM Lake Havasu

Matt Kalina

Citizen-At-Large

Phyllis Rally

Citizen-At-Large

Linda Slay

Arizona Horseman's Council

Loren Worthington

Citizen-At-Large

ASCOT selected a Subcommittee to review and recommend the most appropriate and qualified candidates.

If the Subcommittee's recommendation is adopted, the membership of ASCOT will have 6 members from trail user groups, 4 from government agencies, and 5 citizens-at-large. This will result in a one-year exception from the by-laws, but given the applicants, the Subcommittee was most comfortable with this recommendation.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board appoint the following members to ASCOT: Ryan Domsalla, Bill Gibson, Daniel Gronseth, Phyllis Rally and Linda Slay to three-year terms; Loren Worthington to a two-year term; and Matt Kalina to a one-year term. Each of these terms will begin on January 1, 2011.

## **Attachment A**

### **ASCOT APPLICANT SUMMARY - 2011**

#### **1. Ryan Domsalla, Apache Sitgreaves National Forest**

Mr. Domsalla holds a degree in Wildlife Biology from University of Wyoming. He has 15 years professional experience in a number of resource positions in 5 of the western states. This experience includes over 8 years of recreation specific management that includes non-motorized trails. He is an avid outdoor recreationist with his family outside of work as well

#### **2. Bill Gibson, BLM State Office**

Mr. Gibson has worked with the BLM since 1979 in a variety of resource related positions, he has been in his current position as Trails and Travel Management Coordinator since 2002. This position is the state lead on trail projects and partnerships in Arizona. He holds a graduate degree in Archaeology and worked on the Homolovi project before the development of the State Park. He wants to leave a legacy of well built and managed trails so future generations can appreciate the beauty of Arizona.

#### **3. Daniel Gronseth, City of Phoenix**

Mr. Gronseth has been a Park Ranger with the City of Phoenix for 22 years. His duties include trail planning, design and maintenance. Over the years, he has observed which trail design techniques hold up in high traffic and adverse desert conditions. He is Chair of the Natural Resource Division Trails Task Force that is completing a trails manual. In his personal time, he explores many areas of Arizona and wants his children to be able to explore and enjoy the same Arizona he knows.

#### **4. Mike Henderson, BLM Lake Havasu**

Mr. Henderson has resided in Lake Havasu for the past 25 years and has worked in the federal government for 34 years. His current position supervises the Recreation and Visitor Services branch within the BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office. He also works on the on-going a multi-year collaborative planning effort to designate trails on public lands. He can bring to ASCOT his experience of developing and coordinating grants, partnering opportunities and project planning.

#### **5. Matt Kalina, Citizen-At-Large**

Mr. Kalina has volunteered his time and resources to a number of organizations that aim to preserve and promote Arizona's natural environment, and support outdoor recreation including the Ad Hoc Citizen Trails Task Force for the City of Scottsdale in 2008 . He has lead many hikes, trail runs and backpacking treks on trails of various jurisdiction across the state from Grand Canyon National Park to Chiricahua National Monument, in city preserves, county regional parks and state parks. He enjoys participating in a wide variety of outdoor activities in Arizona.

#### **6. Phyllis Rally, Citizen-At-Large**

Ms. Rally was as founding trail boss of a ladies' equestrian group who hosted a yearly 200-mile trail ride for charity during the 1980's. It was as a result of this experience that I became aware of the issues surrounding keeping trail access for equestrians. She has served sixteen years as a volunteer for the Arizona Trail Association and lead the 'map team'. She produced most of the Trail Access maps and all of the topographic maps available through the Bureau of Land Management, as a volunteer. She has four years experience as Information Specialist for the Public Lands Information Center and the Explore Arizona Outdoor Information Center, both partners of the Bureau of Land Management.

#### **7. Linda Slay, Arizona Horseman's Council**

Ms. Slay is a returning ASCOT member. She has served on the Board of the Arizona Horse Council since 2003 and successfully hosted two horse council summits. She is the current Chair of the Black Canyon Trail Association. During her terms on ASCOT, she was highly involved in planning several workshop and conferences and is the current State Trails System Vice-Chair. She enjoys hiking, camping and riding all over Arizona.

#### **8. Loren Worthington, Citizen-At-Large**

Mr. Worthington primary interest in serving on ASCOT is to contribute in the quest to make more trails wheelchair accessible when and where practicable. He began a web site in 2007 called Accessing Arizona ([www.AccessingArizona.com](http://www.AccessingArizona.com)). The site promotes outdoor recreation for people with disabilities. He has visited and reviewed nearly 50 trails throughout Arizona. The focus of the reviews pertains to what type of accessibility people can expect on arrival. The site is well read by natives and tourists. It's typically ranked in the top 5 for Google searches on 'wheelchair trails.'

### Current ASCOT Members

<u>Current Members</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Applegate, Don	Maricopa	12/31/10	BLM
Slay, Linda	Maricopa	12/31/10	AZ State Horsemen's Assoc
Grube, Brian	Coconino	12/31/10	City of Flagstaff
Horton, Jim	Maricopa	12/31/10	Citizen at Large
DeCindis, Maureen	Maricopa	12/31/10	Maricopa Assn of Govts
Halling, Daye	Maricopa	12/31/11	Citizen at Large
Fitzgerald, Tom	Maricopa	12/31/11	Central Arizona Project
McMullen, Mary	Gila	12/31/11	Town of Payson
Taylor, Kent	Pinal	12/31/11	Citizen at Large
Weidenhamer, Bruce	Maricopa	12/31/11	Volunteers for Outdoor AZ
Gerd, Lisa Marie	Maricopa	12/31/12	Take-A-Hike (hiking group)
Grandrud, Reba	Maricopa	12/31/12	Old Spanish Trail Assoc
Lund, Nick	Navajo	12/31/12	TRACKS-Pinetop-Lakeside
Pfender Anna	Maricopa	12/31/12	Arizona Trail Association
Wasgatt, Heather	Maricopa	12/31/12	City of Phoenix

**CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE  
OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP (OHVAG)**

**Background**

The Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Group (OHVAG) advises the Arizona State Parks Board (Board) on the implementation of the Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation Plan and Program. OHVAG by-laws state that there are seven members appointed by the Arizona State Parks Board to serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. Five members must be members of organized OHV groups. One member must represent the general public or casual OHV enthusiasts. One member must be a member of a sportsperson organization. Residency requirements state that no more than two members may reside in the same county.

**Current Status**

On January 1, 2011, there will be four vacancies on the OHVAG. Three are for representatives from an OHV organization and the other is a citizen-at-large. Organizational affiliation should be distributed between four-wheel drive, ATV, and motorcycle interests. At least one new member representing 4-wheel drive interests should be appointed. The following individuals are presented to the Board for consideration as OHVAG appointees. Biographical sketches and the current membership of the committee are appended to this report.

**Name**

Donald French  
John Savino

**Affiliation**

Parker 4-Wheelers (Mohave County)  
White Mountain Open Trails Association,  
President (Navajo County)

No other applications for OHVAG were received, leaving two positions vacant.

Rebecca Antle has completed two terms and has been the vice-chair for the past two years. She has agreed to continue serving if her position cannot be filled immediately.

OHVAG discussed committee membership at their August 6, 2010, meeting and recommended that Donald French be appointed to an OHV organization affiliation position, John Savino be reappointed, and that Rebecca Antle serve until a replacement can be appointed.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board appoint the following members to OHVAG: Donald French to a three-year term, and John Savino to a second three-year term. Each of these terms will begin on January 1, 2011. Staff also recommends that Rebecca Antle continue to serve on OHVAG until a replacement can be appointed.



## **Attachment A**

### **OHVAG APPLICANT SUMMARY – 2011**

#### **1. Donald French, Parker 4-Wheelers (Mohave County)**

Mr. French recently retired with 36 years of service with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). During his tenure with MWD he had the opportunity to interact responsibly with various agencies including the BLM, WAPA, Bureau of Reclamation, Southern California Edison and Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. French recently moved to Kingman, Arizona and has become involved with the BLM, Forest Service and the Mohave County Parks in getting trails and RV spaces at the trailhead there. As a representative from the Western Arizona region, he feels he can do much to enhance motorized trails in the Parker, Lake Havasu City and Kingman area. Mr. French has been a member of SCORE, Best in the Desert, Whiplash, SNORE Racing Associations, the Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation, NRA and Parker 4 Wheelers.

Mr. French has been off-roading in Arizona both in the recreation and racing arenas for forty years and will bring to OHVAG an enthusiastic interest in preserving and enhancing motorized trail ways in Arizona and especially the Western Desert and Mountain area.

#### **2. John Savino, White Mtn Open Trails Assoc, President (Navajo County)**

Mr. Savino is seeking a second three-year term with OHVAG. During his tenure with the White Mountain Open Trails Association he has been active in overseeing responsible off highway vehicle use around the entire State. He has worked closely with the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Supervision in developing trails, promoting education, and responsible off-highway vehicle recreation. Mr. Savino is currently involved in a project to extend the Maverick Trail across the Springerville Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest into the Alpine Ranger District. He is also working on bridging the gap between the environmental groups and off-road motorists. Mr. Savino is also acting as a mediator between the BLM and off road motorists in the Lake Havasu area in regards to their proposed Travel Management Plan. Mr. Savino's goals for a second term include working on strengthening the OHVAG by getting it more involved with off-highway vehicle issues throughout the entire state.

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Mr. French has been off-roading in Arizona both in the recreation and racing arenas for forty years and will bring to OHVAG an enthusiastic interest in preserving and enhancing motorized trail ways in Arizona and especially the Western Desert and Mountain area.

#### **2. John Savino, White Mtn Open Trails Assoc, President (Navajo County)**

Mr. Savino is seeking a second three-year term with OHVAG. During his tenure with the White Mountain Open Trails Association he has been active in overseeing responsible off highway vehicle use around the entire State. He has worked closely with the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest Supervision in developing trails, promoting education, and responsible off-highway vehicle recreation. Mr. Savino is currently involved in a project to extend the Maverick Trail across the Springerville Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest into the Alpine Ranger District. He is also working on bridging the gap between the environmental groups and off-road motorists. Mr. Savino is also acting as a mediator between the BLM and off road motorists in the Lake Havasu area in regards to their proposed Travel Management Plan. Mr. Savino's goals for a second term include working on strengthening the OHVAG by getting it more involved with off-highway vehicle issues throughout the entire state.

### Current OHVAG Members

<u>Current Members</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Antle, Rebecca	Pima	12/31/10	AZ State Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs
John, Harold Drew	Graham	12/31/09	Gila Valley ATV Riders Club
Beigel, Robert	Maricopa	12/31/10	Mesa 4-Wheelers
Rogers, Richard Hank	Apache	12/31/11	Apache County ATV Roughriders
Moore, David	Maricopa	12/31/11	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Savino, John	Navajo	12/31/10	Citizen-at-Large
Pfeifer, Pete	Pima	12/31/12	American Motorcyclist Association

**CONSIDER RETAINING MEMBERS OF THE NATURAL  
AREAS PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NAPAC)**

**Background**

The mandate of the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC) encompasses making recommendations on the expenditure of Heritage Funds for acquisition, management and operation of state natural areas. This group also provides scientific expertise and advice to the State Parks Board. Each member must be expert in a scientific discipline or aspect of conservation. There is one ex-officio member representing State Parks. No more than three members may reside in the same county. Members typically serve three-year terms.

**Current Status**

NAPAC has seven members. Currently there are two vacancies, one term expiring on December 31, 2010 and one term past expiration the Board previously approved to continue to serve. The current focus of NAPAC is preparing Natural Areas Management Guidelines to bring science and consistency to the management of state natural areas as well the natural resources of all parks. The Committee discussed the current activities and state of Arizona State Parks at it's October 28, 2010 meeting. The Committee agrees the most effective approach is to not recruit new members but retain the current members to complete the Natural Areas Management Guidelines. This requires members to serve past established term expirations.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expertise</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Term End</u>
Larry Lang	Soil Scientist	Pinal	12/31/11
Theresa Pinto	Riparian Ecology	Maricopa	12/31/11
Sheridan Stone	Ecology / Wildlife Blgy	Cochise	12/31/09
Thomas Skinner	Biologist	Pima	12/31/10
Rebecca Davidson	Wildlife Blgy / Watershed	Maricopa	12/31/12

Max Castillo, Manager, Verde River Greenway, ex-officio

**Recommended Board Action**

I move to retain the current NAPAC members for 2011 to continue work on current projects and reconsider the Committee membership and activities in a year.

**CONSIDER RETAINING MEMBERS OF THE HISTORIC  
PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC) AND  
HOLD THE COMMITTEE INACTIVE FOR ONE YEAR**

**Background**

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) provides input and guidance on the Heritage Fund Historic Preservation Grant Program. Each individual is appointed to a three-year term. Nominees must be Arizona residents in order to be eligible, and no more than three HPAC members may reside in the same county. One member must be a representative of a non-profit preservation organization; one member must be a representative of a local government preservation program; two members must be preservation professionals; and three members must be citizens-at-large who are active in or familiar with historic preservation.

**Current Status**

HPAC has seven members with three terms expiring on December 31, 2010. The Committee's sole function is to advise on the Historic Preservation Grants Program. This program is currently inactive due to the termination of the Heritage Fund. HPAC agrees it would be premature to disband and instead recommends retaining HPAC current members in an inactive status. HPAC and staff will reevaluate the role and need of the Committee in one year. Below is a list of current members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Term End</u>
Joe Nucci	Preservation Professional	Maricopa	12/31/2011
Theresa Nesser	Citizen-At-Large	Pinal	12/31/2010
Winston Thorne, Jr	Preservation Professional	Maricopa	12/31/2011
Bonnie Bariola	Non-Profit Preservation	Maricopa	12/31/2012
Tami Ryall	Citizen-At-Large	Maricopa	12/31/2010
Pat Stein	Non-Profit Preservation	Coconino	12/31/2012
Victor Linoff	Citizen-At-Large	Maricopa	12/31/2010

**Recommended Board Action**

I move to retain the current HPAC members as an inactive Committee for 2011 and reconsider the Committee membership and activities in one year.

**CONSIDER CELEBRATING OUR PARTNERS THROUGH  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD RESOLUTIONS**

**Background**

Due to severe budget reductions and fund sweeps over the last two fiscal years, the Parks Board was forced to make drastic reductions agency-wide. On January 15, 2010, the Arizona State Parks Board voted to close 15 parks due to the economic downturn and severe budget shortfalls.

**Current Status**

At its February 17, 2010 Parks Board meeting, the Arizona State Parks Board began considering alterations of planned park closures by entering into agreements in order with the goal of keeping parks open. To date 43 entities including counties, town and cities, state and federal agencies and friends groups have stepped forward to help Arizona State with financial aid and in-kind support to meet this goal. Due to this help from our public and private supporters, today only five parks are closed, and two have agreements to re-open.

Refer to attachment for community partners and their support.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board formally recognize its partners who have supported the agency through financial contributions and/or in-kind support during this economic downturn through Parks Board resolutions.

**Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board formally recognize all Arizona State Parks Partners who have supported the agency through financial contributions and/or in-kind support during this economic downturn through Parks Board resolutions.

AZ State Parks Board Resolutions

Park/PROGRAM	Entity	Contribution
Lyman Lake State Park	Apache County	\$30,000
Alamo Lake State Park, Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area, Lake Havasu State Park, and Roper Lake State Park	Arizona Game and Fish Department	\$20,000 for Roper Lake, Replace and repair docks, Truck and radio equipment,
AZ State Parks	AZ Highways Magazine	\$5 of the subscription fee will be donated
Riordan Mansion State Historic Park	AZ Historical Society	Administrative support and staff to support the operation of Riordan Mansion.
AZ State Parks	AZ Lottery	Advertising campaign. Sydney Smith, Junior Ranger Program.
AZ State Parks		\$10,000 to Picacho for Reenactment money is from Union Pacific, \$3,000 Volunteer Venture, \$2,400 Fort Verde events (Tom Sawyer Day, Fort Verde Days, Victorian Christmas and History of the Soldier), GeoCache Bash (\$1700) Mariachi Festival (\$4,900), Jr. Ranger Booklet printing (\$7149), and ecology materials (\$3500). Raising money from individuals and groups for AZ State Parks
AZ State Parks	AZ Parks Foundation	\$20,000
AZ State Parks	Bashas' Family of Stores	Over \$130,000 to support the operation of Red Rock. Volunteers for the visitor center and operation of gift shop
Red Rock State Park	Benefactors of Red Rock	Meeting venues and other in-kind services
Lost Dutchman State Park	City of Apache Junction	Dispatch park's law enforcement officers, providing water and waste water system services, maintenance of sewer lift station, helping to maintain the Jail Trail gates, bridge and park entrance road
Deadhorse Ranch State Park	City of Cottonwood	\$20,000
Picacho Peak State Park	City of Eloy	In-Kind service groundwork and snow removal
Riordan Mansion State Historic Park	City of Flagstaff	Monthly domestic water supply sampling, inspects and services fire extinguishers.
Roper Lake State Park	City of Safford	\$15,000 to Benefactors
Red Rock State Park	City of Sedona	Reduced water rates
Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area	City of Show Low	Operating the park
Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park	City of Tombstone	Discount water services
Homolovi Ruins State Park	City of Winslow	

AZ State Parks Board Resolutions

Park/PROGRAM	Entity	Contribution
Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park and Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park AZ State Parks	City of Yuma Dasani	Operating the park and \$34,000 for a park ranger at Yuma Quartermaster Depot \$5,000 for recycling program
Alamo Lake State Park	Friends of Alamo Lake	\$30,000. In cooperation with LaPaz County, Town of Wickenburg
Lost Dutchman State Park	Friends of Lost Dutchman	\$24,000 to support operation of Lost Dutchman. Hayley Anderson \$1,500
Oracle State Park	Friends of Oracle	Volunteers for special events, concert series and maintenance projects
Roper Lake State Park	Friends of Roper Lake	Marketing in local media
Sonoita Creek State Natural Area	Friends of Sonoita Creek	Keeping visitor center open on weekends
Tonto Natural Bridge State Park	Friends of Tonto Natural Bridge	\$10,000
Roper Lake State Park	Graham County	In-Kind: vehicle repair, water sampling and testing, and inmate labor
Alamo Lake State Park	LaPaz County	\$30,000. In cooperation with Friends of Alamo, Town of Wickenburg
Lyman Lake State Park	Lyman Water Company	No charge for lease agreements
Riordan Mansion State Historic Park	Riordan Action Network	Fund raising to support the operation of Riordan Mansion
Tubac Presidio State Historic Park	Santa Cruz County	Cooperative management and operation through Tubac Historical Society
AZ State Parks	Sprouts Farmers Market	\$47,000
Homolovi Ruins State Park	The Hopi Tribal Council	\$175,500
Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park	Tombstone Chamber of Commerce	Operating the park
Fort Verde State Historic Park	Town of Camp Verde	\$109,000, staff to assist with marketing special events
McFarland State Historic Park	Town of Florence	Operate the park
Tonto Natural Bridge State Park	Town of Payson	\$30,000, plus in-kind services
Tonto Natural Bridge State Park	Town of Star Valley	\$5,000
Roper Lake State Park	Town of Thatcher	Repairs and preventative maintenance to vehicles
Alamo Lake State Park	Town of Wickenburg	\$30,000. In cooperation with LaPaz County, Friends of Alamo
Tubac Presidio State Historic Park	Tubac Historical Society	Managing and operating the park
Lyman Lake State Park	Tucson Electric Power, TEP	\$5,000



AZ State Parks Board Resolutions

Park/PROGRAM	Entity	Contribution
Fort Verde State Historic Park, Jerome State Historic Park, Red Rock State Park	Yavapai County	\$90,000, juvenile and adult probation assistance with maintenance, clean up and other projects,
Yuma Quartermaster Depot State Historic Park and Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park	Yuma National Heritage Area	Operated by the city

**CONSIDER ISSUING A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING  
PRIVATE MANAGEMENT IN ARIZONA STATE PARKS**

**Background**

Enhancing the privatization of certain park functions or of entire park management is an issue across the country, as the various states are seeking assurance that scarce resources are effectively used. Rather than rely on anecdotal or potentially preconceived notions, State Parks staff proposes to gather information from private park management businesses to determine their interests, capabilities, and desires regarding managing or assisting in the management at Arizona's State Parks.

The governmental method of asking these questions is called a "Request for Information" (RFI). An RFI is a procurement tool used to obtain comments, feedback or reactions from potential vendors prior to the issuance of a formal solicitation for goods or services.

A.R.S. §41- 2555. Request for Information states that "The procurement officer may issue a request for information to obtain data about services or materials available to meet a specific need." Adequate public notice as specified in section A.R.S. §41-2533 shall be provided.

In addition, the rule that pertains to Requests for Information (A.A.C. R2-7-G301) states the following:

An agency chief procurement officer may issue a request for information to obtain price, delivery, technical information or capabilities for planning purposes.

- a. Responses to a request for information are not offers and cannot be accepted to form a binding contract.
- b. To the extent allowed by law, information contained in a response to a request for information may be considered confidential until the procurement process is concluded or two years, whichever occurs first.
- c. There is no required format to be used for requests for information.

**Current Status**

The purpose of this RFI is to solicit feedback regarding the feasibility of transitioning or enhancing various operations at Arizona State Parks with the private sector. Feedback is sought from providers who have experience operating parks and recreation programs.

**Requested Items:**

Responders will be requested to submit a general response and at a minimum address the items listed below.

### **1. Cover Letter**

Should include experience working with governmental entities and/or other recreation providers. Experience in recreation and preservation management. Describe how this experience would benefit ASP. Provide references including an individual contact person for each example.

### **2. Personnel**

The response should provide position descriptions and backgrounds on key personnel.

### **3. Operations Overview**

The response should include examples of similar customers and the approach used to provide parks services, including but not limited to: operations plans, staffing models, insurance and indemnification, maintenance standards, visitor education and interpretive programs, employee training program, marketing, media/public relations, special events, public safety, visitor rules compliance, visitor management, use of technology, capital equipment, facilities management (water, wastewater, electrical and mechanical), major maintenance, communications, natural resource protection and recycling programs.

### **4. Visitor Service**

The response should address various aspects and standards in this area, including but not limited to: visitor contact, camping services, tours and programming, day-use services (beaches, picnic areas, trails), visitor information, signage, food service, retail and rental programs and quality assurance.

### **5. Maintenance and Development**

The response should outline examples including but not limited to: maintenance capabilities and standards, development capabilities and standards, experience in development and major maintenance projects. Should also include examples of budgets for these items.

### **6. Time Lines and Contract Duration**

Outline the time frames needed to transition park operation and expected durations of contracts.

### **7. Estimated Cost**

Provide an estimate of cost for typical conversion to private operation. Assume no equipment or capital maintenance will be provided by Arizona State Parks.

### **8. Financial Considerations**

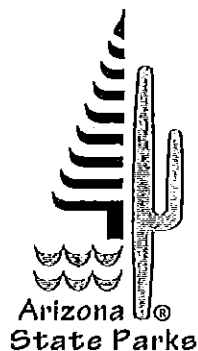
Describe the savings, revenue sharing, productivity and/or improvements that may result from private operations. The response should address minimum gross revenue thresholds.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to prepare and issue a Request for Information to ascertain specific knowledge of private park management companies interests, capabilities and desires regarding management at Arizona's State Parks.

### **Recommended Board Action**

I move the Arizona State Parks Board authorize the Executive Director to prepare and issue a Request for Information to ascertain specific knowledge of private park management companies interests, capabilities and desires regarding management Arizona's State Parks.



"Managing and conserving natural, cultural, and recreational resources"

October 27, 2010

The Honorable Jan Brewer  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington  
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Re: Commission on Privatization and Efficiency Initial Report

Dear Governor Brewer:

On September 21, your Commission on Privatization and Efficiency (COPE) released its initial report. The Arizona State Parks Board has asked that I respond to the report on its behalf.

Recommendation #9 in the initial report deals with concessions in Arizona State Parks. COPE recommended that "Arizona State Parks (ASP) should maximize efforts to enter into more long-term concession agreements with private recreation firms. ASP should enhance its relationship with Tourism, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and locals to help promote the state park system to in-state and out-of-state residents."

The Parks Board supports COPE's suggestion to follow the National Park Service model and augment concessions where they enhance the visitor experience in our parks. In fact, your State Park system already follows this model at many parks—Kartchner Caverns, Slide Rock and Lake Havasu to name a few. Unfortunately, our most recent offers were met with either insufficient bids (at Dead Horse Ranch), or no bidder at all (at Oracle). However, the Parks Board already directed staff to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operations of Lyman Lake and to prepare documents for the construction and operation of a new marina at Contact Point, Lake Havasu State Park.

It appears to the Board that the second recommendation regarding long-term, whole-park operations contracts, is less well developed. Each of the parks in Arizona's State Park system is unique, in terms of land ownership, and natural and cultural resources. There are also staff responsibilities at some parks that concessionaires are not likely to want or able to provide, including law enforcement and special facilities operators. There are, at a minimum, legal, economic and conservation issues that must be identified and discussed, relative to each park. These obstacles are not insurmountable, but must be understood and addressed.

As the recommendation relative to State Parks appears to be so central to the Commission's report, the Parks Board has requested that one of its

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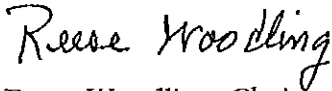
members be added to COPE so that these, and other related Park issues can be publicly and fully explored.

The Parks Board's number one priority is to keep parks open and operating for the public and our local economies. Where we no longer have sufficient funds to operate them on our own, the Board has sought public and private partnerships, like our recent, historic agreement with the Hopi Tribe to re-open Homolovi Ruins State Park. Further, State Parks have successfully garnered opportunities for thousands of Arizonans to donate their time and talents. In fact, in FY 2010 ASP received over 190,000 volunteer hours, equivalent to 92 employees.

We were very proud to receive your 2010 Governor's Excellence in Economic Development Award for the Verde Valley/State Parks Partnership to "Preserve Arizona's Crown Jewels." State Parks is dedicated to ensuring that Arizona has a park system that the citizens and taxpayers can be proud of. The Parks Board and staff are always available to you and will continue to work hard to be part of Arizona's financial recovery solution.

Please contact Renée Bahl, Executive Director, at (602) 542-4174 or [rbahl@azstateparks.gov](mailto:rbahl@azstateparks.gov) if you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting.

Sincerely,



Reese Woodling, Chair  
Arizona State Parks Board

cc: Members of Arizona State Parks Board  
Members of Committee on Privatization and Efficiency  
Renée Bahl, Executive Director, Arizona State Parks

### STATE PARKS OPERATIONS STATUS UPDATE

The Arizona State Parks Board worked hard to keep parks open by both leveraging existing public and private partnerships and building new relationships. The summary below describes current operations at all parks.

**A. Parks that were Never Scheduled to Close:**

1. Buckskin Mountain State Park (SP)/River Island
2. Catalina SP
3. Cattail Cove SP
4. Dead Horse Ranch SP
5. Fool Hollow Lake Recreation Area
6. Kartchner Caverns SP
7. Lake Havasu SP
8. Patagonia Lake SP
9. Slide Rock SP

**B. Parks Operated by Arizona State Parks staff through Partnership Support:**

Park	Partner
1. Alamo Lake SP	La Paz County-\$30K
2. Fort Verde SHP	Town of Camp Verde-\$105K
3. Jerome SHP	Yavapai County-\$30K
4. Lost Dutchman SP	Friends of Lost Dutchman-\$24K
5. Picacho Peak SP	City of Eloy-\$20K
6. Red Rock SP	Yavapai County/Benefactors/ City of Sedona-\$160K
7. Riordan Mansion SHP	Arizona Historical Society/Riordan Action Network-\$78K
8. Roper Lake SP	Graham County, AZ Game & Fish
9. Tonto Natural Bridge SP	Town of Payson-\$15K; Star Valley-\$5K; Friends of Tonto Natural Bridge-\$10K

**C. Parks Operated by Partners with no State Parks staff:**

Park	Partner
1. Boyce Thompson Arboretum SP	University of Arizona & Boyce Thompson Foundation
2. Tombstone Courthouse SHP	City of Tombstone
3. Tubac Presidio SHP	Santa Cruz County & Tubac Historical Society
4. Yuma Territorial Prison SHP	City of Yuma
5. Yuma Quartermaster Depot SHP	City of Yuma

**D. Parks with Signed Agreements Reopening Date To Be Determined:**

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| 1. Homolovi Ruins SP | Hopi Tribe contributing \$175,500 to re-open park. Opening date to be determined. |
| 2. McFarland SHP     | Town of Florence, Park will reopen February 12, 2011, no State Parks Staff.       |

**E. Parks that are Currently Closed to the Public:**

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| 1. Lyman Lake SP                       | Apache County (closed Sept. 7, 2010)-\$40K. Parks Board directed staff to draft RFP for operations.           |
| 2. Oracle SP                           | RFP for 3 <sup>rd</sup> party operations closed on October 6, 2010. No bids submitted. Re-evaluating options. |
| 3. San Rafael State Natural Area (SNA) | Grazing special use permit implemented, no public access.   |

**DISCUSSION ON A POLICY FOR SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS TO  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND RELATIONSHIP TO ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
FOUNDATION**

**Background**

Arizona State Parks (ASP) has experienced severe budget reductions and fund sweeps over these past two fiscal years. The Board was forced to reduce funding for parks and park programs. Citizens, non-profit groups and communities have offered donations to ASP to fill the gaps in park funding. ASP does not currently have a policy to guide corporate sponsorships or donation recognition, only some fundamental guidelines in the policy manual (see attachment A.)

**Current Status**

Staff is considering the following items for inclusion to an agency Sponsorship and Donations policy:

- Donor Recognition Plan
- Recognition of Corporate Donations
- Arizona State Parks Foundation Connection
- Marketing Exclusivity
- Corporate Campaigns
- In-Park Donor Recognition (includes Naming Rights)
- Off-site Donor Recognition
- Credit Lines, including Logos or Name Script
- Ethical Considerations
- Accountability on both sides
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Donation Considerations
- Reviewing Direct Donations
- Approval Thresholds
- Acceptance of Donations from Donors Involved in Litigation
- Use of Donations
- Friends Recruitment on Park Property
- Display and Fundraising Activity Information
- In-Park Events (fundraising)
- Guest Donation Program (donation boxes)
- Donations of Land
- Legal Agreements
- Determination of Feasibility for Fundraising Success
- Fundraising Plans
- Endowments
- Construction Projects
- Donor Boards/Walls
- Recognition Within Interpretive Programs
- Authority to accept donations
- Special Event Sponsorship

Staff are surveying existing state statutes as well as policies from government agencies and nonprofit organizations. Staff will bring a draft policy for consideration at a future Parks Board Meeting and would accept any thoughts on this issue from the Parks Board today.



## ATTACHMENT A

### DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES

Posted 1/23/08

1. The larger the monetary donation, the higher level authorization you need. If your community support organization (CSO) wants to begin a large capital campaign, they should notify the agency at the earliest possible time. Remember, your park needs should drive what your CSO is doing.
2. Any fundraising your CSO does should be discussed with you first. Your CSO CANNOT build anything on your park. They can, however, raise funds for the building and donate the money to the agency with a restriction that it can only be used for a specific building/purpose.
3. Before accepting, utilizing or recognizing donations from anyone, including your CSO, you should consider the totality of the circumstances surrounding the potential donation.
4. If a park visitor asks how to make a donation, you can answer that. You cannot try to solicit donations from anyone.
5. All donation boxes must clearly advise the public how the park/agency will use the money.
6. Executive Staff and the Board must approve donations of land.
7. Do not circulate visitor's personal information (name, address, phone number, email address, etc.) with anyone other than authorized personnel (typically law enforcement).
8. Donors will be recognized, at a minimum, in writing.
9. Credit lines & logos: In order to ensure that state parks are kept free of commercialism; advertising and marketing slogans and taglines are recommended against. Recognition may be allowed on printed or electronic material, audio/video/film products and temporary signs.
10. In-park displays, name plaques and plates: should be tasteful and unobtrusive. The duration of this form of recognition may vary depending on the project, donation and location. PLAQUES MAY NOT BE AFFIXED TO THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF STRUCTURES.
11. Generally, ASP reserves the right to decline any gift.